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**EASLEY APPOINTS HOWARD AS CHAIRMAN OF CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT
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RALEGH - Gov. Mike Easley appointed Robert D. Howard of Whiteville to serve as chairman of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board of Directors.

"I am pleased to appoint Robert to this position," Easley said. He has the business knowledge and background to chair this board effectively. I want to thank former chair Joe Heaster for all of his hard work and commitment on this board."

Howard worked with United Carolina Bank (now BB&T) from 1967-1992. He has been the owner of Century 21 Pro Realty, Inc. since 1992. Howard was a member of the North Carolina Crime Commission from 1978-1986, and he served on the North Carolina Banking Commission as well as the North Carolina Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees. He attended the North Carolina School of Banking at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and the Real Estate Academy.

Howard has served on the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board of Directors since 1996. The board provides funds to clean up pollution in the state's surface waters and to protect and conserve those waters not yet polluted. The duties of the board are to allocate grant funds, develop grant criteria and administer guidelines and to manage land. The board has 18 members, and the Governor appoints six members. Each member serves a four-year term.

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